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GAINESVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR ROBBING AVA BANK

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Gainesville, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for robbing Great Southern Bank in Ava, Mo.

Eric Edwin Emery, 41, of Gainesville, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to two years and nine months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Emery** to pay \$1,539 in restitution.

On July 12, 2005, **Emery** pleaded guilty to robbing the Great Southern Bank at 102 N. Jefferson in Ava on April 30, 2005. **Emery** walked into the bank at about 11:30 a.m., Graves said, approached a teller, and handed her a note that was not recovered, but contained words to the effect, "I have a gun in my pocket. Give me all your money." The teller complied and placed \$1,539 from her teller drawer on the teller counter. **Emery** took the money from the counter and left the bank.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Douglas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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